

AG wants state Supreme Court to reconsider charter schools ruling

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OLYMPIA, Wash. – Washington state Attorney General Bob Ferguson plans to file a motion asking the state Supreme Court to reconsider its ruling that state charter school funding is unconstitutional.

Ferguson says the details of the ruling have major implications for other programs beyond the nine charter schools that are open now.

Voters narrowly approved charter school in Washington state in 2012. The money for the program came out of the state schools budget, but the court ruled 6 - 3 that violates state law because charter schools are not run by elected officials -- they are run by appointed officials.

“The decision not only invalidates Initiative 1240, but also unnecessarily calls into question the constitutionality of a wide range of other state educational programs. These important programs range from Running Start to Washington State Skills Centers that provide career and technical education to high school students,” reads a statement by the AG’s office.

Ferguson has until September 24 to file his motion with the court. Ferguson has been in talks with Governor Jay Inslee about the motion for reconsideration.

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